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PART-I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

ENVIRONMENT FORESTS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 24th March, 2026

Amendment

No. 260-Ft-4-2026/1494.— In pursuance of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. G.S.R.1203(E) dated 26.09.2017, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to reconstitute the State Level Authority namely Wetland Authority of Haryana entrusted with affairs related to wetland conservation, regulation and management under the relevant state bye-laws consisting of the following:-

1.	Chief Minister, Haryana (being Minister-in-charge) OR	Chairman
2.	Minister In-charge, Environment Forests and Wildlife	Sr. Vice Chairman
	Nominated 2 MLAs by the Government	
3.	(i) Sh. Vinod Kumar Bhayana, MLA, Hansi (ii) Sh. Satpal Jamba, MLA, Pundri	
4.	Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana	Vice Chairman
5.	Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Revenue and Disaster Management Department.	Member
6.	Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Environment, Forest and Wildlife Department	Member
7.	Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Fisheries Department	Member
8.	Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana Urban Local Bodies Department	Member
9.	Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Irrigation and Water Resources Department	Member
10.	Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Rural & Panchayat Development Department	Member
11.	Administrative Secretary to Government of Haryana, Tourism Department.	Member
12.	Prinicipal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Haryana	Member
13.	Director, State Remote Sensing Centre, Panchkula (Haryana)	Member
14.	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change	Member
15.	Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board, Haryana	Member

16.	Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board	Member
17.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Haryana	Member Secretary
	Experts	
18. (i)	Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun or his expert representative	Expert in Wildlife and Wetland
(ii)	Director,WWF-India Rivers, Wetlands and Water Policy	Expert in Hydrology
(iii)	Country representative, IUCN or his nominee	
(iv)	Dr. Ritesh Kumar, Wetland International South Asia	
(v)	Co-Founder & CEO, Gurujal, Gurugram	
	Co-opt Members	
19. (i)	Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid, Ex-PCCF, Haryana & former Vice-Chancellor, TERI & Director, FRI, Dehradun.	
(ii)	Sh. R.K. Sapra, Ex-PCCF, Haryana & Former Member of SEAC.	
(iii)	Director, HARSAC, Hisar	

2. The other expert members will be nominated/invited as and when required.

3. **Delegation of powers and functions:-**

Wetland Authority of Haryana shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, subject to any Central law and policies:-

(i) prepare an inventory of all wetlands of the State Government or Union territory;

(ii) identify and prepare a list of wetlands to be regulated under the provisions of the rules;

(iii) undertake demarcation of the wetland boundaries and preparation of land-use maps using remote sensing and ground truthing;

(iv) prepare an account of existing rights and tenure;

(v) demarcate the direct zone of influence of wetland;

(vi) notify wetlands to be regulated under these rules;

(vii) define ecological character for wetland and list out uses of the wetland which are aligned with ecological character;

(viii) develop a comprehensive list of activities to be regulated to ensure wise use of the site; specify the threshold levels for each; and the mode and method for regulation;

(ix) develop integrated management plan for each of the notified wetlands, and identify mechanisms for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing State development plans and programmes;

(x) ensure enforcement of the relevant Acts, rules and regulations and implementation of management action plan, and on annual basis inform the Government on the status of such notified wetlands through a reporting mechanism;

(xi) coordinate implementation of integrated management plans through various line departments and other concerned agencies;

(xii) issue necessary directions for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands to the respective implementing agencies;

(xiii) undertake measure for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on values and functions of wetlands.

4. The Headquarters of the Wetland Authority of Haryana will be at Chandigarh/Panchkula.

5. While exercising the powers and performing various functions, Chairman may co-opt or invite any Administrative Secretary or any Head of Department or subject matter specialist or any other expert as and when required.

SUDHIR RAJPAL,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government Haryana,
Environment, Forest and Wildlife Department.

Chandigarh:
The 11th March, 2026

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